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SUBJECT: MARCONA EXPROPRIATION - GOP APPOINTS NEGOTIATING
COMMISSION

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL GARCIA BEDOYA TELE-
PHONED AMBASSADOR MORNING AUGUST 13 TO SAY THAT GOP HAD AP-
POINTED COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE WITH MARCONA REPRESENTATIVES
AND THAT FIRST MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18,
TENTATIVELY AT 10:00 A.M., IN PETROPERU BUILDING. COMMISSION
IS COMPOSED OF FOLLOWING FIVE PERSONS:

DR. CESAR DELGADO BARRETO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE OFFICE
OF THE LEGAL ADVISOR, MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES;
AMB. JOSE DE LA PUENTE RADBIL, UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC
AND INTEGRATION AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS;
DR. JOE LUIS BROUSSET, PRESIDENT, BANCO POPULAR AND
EX-DIRECTOR SUPERIOR, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE;
DR. LUIS RODRIGUEZ MARIATEGUI PROANO, LAWYER, LEFTIST
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT, AND ONE-TIME MINISTER OF JUSTICE
IN BELAUNDE'S CABINET;

DR. GUILLERMO DASSO, LAWYER, AT ONE TIME PRESIDENT OF PAN
AMERICAN COMMODITIES WHICH HAD IRON ORE PROPERTY NEXT
TO MARCONA AND WHICH FAMILY ALLEGES TO HAVE FAILED
OWING TO MARCONA REFUSAL TO BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

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2. WE HAVE INFORMED COMPTON OF FOREGOING. HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL AND COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION. ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE EXPECTED LITTLE TO COME OF MEETING WITH SUCH A GROUP, HE AGREED THAT MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE AND WILL HAVE MARCONA TEAM PRESENT.

3. COMMENT: MARCONA'S REACTION TO TEAM GOP HAS CHOSEN HAS SOME JUSTIFICATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, ANY IMPORTANT DECISIONS REACHED BY THE NEGOTIATORS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE CLEARED AT HIGHEST GOVERNMENT LEVELS IN ANY CASE AND IT SEEMS CERTAIN THAT PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CLOSELY FOLLOWED AT HIGHEST LEVELS. SECGEN GARCIA BEDOYA AGREED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER AND HE WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR ON STATE OF PLAY AND WOULD STAND READY TO PUSH FOR ANY ADDITIONAL STEPS OR ACTIONS THAT MIGHT APPEAR INDICATED. SECGEN SAID THAT GOP UNDERSTANDS IMPORTANCE OF COMPENSATION QUESTION. IN MEANTIME IN VISIT TO COMMERCE MINISTER ARIAS GRAZIANI TODAY (AUGUST 13) AMBASSADOR REVIEWED MARCONA PROBLEM AND THE GAMUT OF ISSUES THAT WILL BE TAKEN UP BY NEGOTIATORS. ARIAS, WHOSE MINISTRY HAS INHERITED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SALES OF HIERROPERU ORE, WAS FULLY AWARE OF PROBLEM AND APPRECIATED THE IMPORTANCE OF NEGOTIATED SOLUTION, INCLUDING COMPENSATION. AMBASSADOR HAS RENEWED HIS REQUEST TO SEE PRIME MINISTER TO INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH HIM ON MARCONA PROBLEM.
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